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1. SUBSTANCE REF C CONVEYED CHOWANIEC. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT RE PARA THREE. CHOWANIEC POINTED OUT THAT HIS READING OF ARTICLE ONE, PARA FOUR, OF JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT OBLIGATES USG TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT FUND BEFORE THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. HE FURTHER STATED DEPARTMENT INFORMED HIM DURING SEPTEMBER MEETING IN WASHINGTON THAT US AGENCIES WOULD BE IN POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO ONE QUARTER (E.E., \$7 MILLION EQUIVALENT) OF TOTAL US CONTRIBUTION TO FUND IN THIS CALENDAR YEAR. CHOWANIEC REPEATED THAT POLISH SIDE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO MATCH US CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CALENDAR 1974 UNOBLIGATED RESEARCH FUNDS, WHICH WILL OTHERWISE BE LOST, BUT RULED OUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF POLES MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN ADVANCE OF US CONTRIBUTIONS. CHOWANIEC CLAIMED THAT HE IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM FINANCE MINISTRY TO PROVIDE FIRM FIGURES FOR US CONTRIBUTION TO FUND THIS CALENDAR YEAR, AND IS AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN TO HIS GOVERNMENT WHY US CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT FORTHCOMING. CHOWANIEC ALSO STATED HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR JOINT BOARD TO

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MAKE DETERMINATIONS OF BROAD AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TOTAL

AMOUNTS OF FINANCING FOR COMING YEAR (AGENDA ITEM FOUR, PARA THREE, REF A) LACKING FIRM FIGURES ON AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR CALENDAR 1975. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON US POSITION REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS THIS CALENDAR YEAR IN THE LIGHT OF CHOWANIEC'S COMMENTS.

2. CHOWANIEC STATED HE WILL TRANSMIT TO EMBASSY BY NOVEMBER 25 FULL TEXTS OF POLISH DRAFTS ON JOINT GRANT DOCUMENT AND UNIFIED METHOD OF COST ACCOUNTING. CHOWANIEC STATED POLISH SIDE PREFERRED TO HAVE SEPARATE PAPER ON COST ACCOUNTING, RATHER THAN INCLUDING THIS ITEM IN JOINT GRANT DOCUMENT. CHOWANIEC EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT US WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ADVANCE COPY OF DRAFT JOINT GRANT/SUPPORT DOCUMENT, WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. EMBASSY WILL CABLE POLISH DRAFTS TO DEPT AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

3. RE PARA SIX, REF C, CHOWANIEC STATED POLES WOULD PREFER FULL FIVE WORKING DAYS FOR FIRST MEETING IN VIEW OF ANTICIPATED HEAVY SCHEDULE. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, CHOWANIEC SUGGESTED FIRST MEETING BE HELD AFTERNOON DECEMBER 2.

4. CHOWANIEC INDICATED FINAL TWO MEMBERS OF POLISH DELEGATION (PARA FOUR, REF B) WILL BE PROFESSOR JANUSZ JELJASZEWICZ, CHAIRMAN, US-POLISH COORDINATING COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COOPERATION AND MR. JAN PETRUS, PL 480 PROJECT COORDINATOR, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. THE COMPLETE POLISH DELEGATION THUS CONSISTS OF CHOWANIEC, WALICKI, AND KAPUSTA (MEMBERS FO JOINT BOARD), AND JELJASZEWICZ, CIEPLINSKI, AND PETRUS (OBSERVERS).

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